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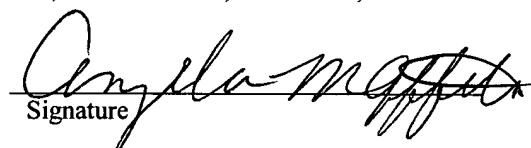
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ridker et al.
Serial No.: 10/017,905
Confirmation No.: 7653
Filed: December 14, 2001
For: INFLAMMATORY MARKERS AS TOOLS IN THE DETECTION
AND PREVENTION OF DIABETES MELLITUS AND AS TOOLS
TO AID IN THE SELECTION OF AGENTS TO BE USED FOR THE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES

Examiner: Patrick J. Nolan
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. This Second Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Response to Restriction/Election Requirement enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.